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SUBJECT: MUNITIONS CONTROL: SALE OF MATERIAL FOR THE NATO HAWK HELIP

- 1. ITALIAN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE HAS CALLED EMBASSY'S ATTENTION TO EXPORT LICENSE APPLICATION SUBMITTED TO DEPARTMENT (MUNITIONS CONTROL) BY GENERAL ELECTRIC FOR SALE TO ITALIAN FIRM C.G.E.-FIAR, MILANO, OF 8000 ITEMS TO BE USED IN THE MANUFACTURE OF "OVERHAULING KITS" FOR THE NATO HAWK HELIP PROGRAM. THE ITEMS ARE VALUED AT \$17 MILLION AND APPARENTLY ARE MANUFACTURED BY RAYTHEON ON CONTRACT FROM GENERAL ELECTRIC.
- 2. ACCORDING TO THE MINISTRY, GENERAL ELECTRIC, PURSUANT TO ITS CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS FOR THE OVERHAUL OF HAWK BATTERIES, HAS (AS OF DECEMBER 1974) ABOUT \$8 MILLION OF THE COMMODITIES ALREADY IN INVENTORY. SO FAR, HOWEVER, GENERAL ELECTRIC HAS NOT RECEIVED THE NECESSARY LICENSE FROM THE DEPARTMENT TO EXPORT THE MATERIAL TO ITALY.
- 3. THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE HAS BEEN ASKED BY OFFICIALS OF THE HAWK PROGRAM TO INTERVENE WITH THE USG SINCE THE DELAY IS ALLEDGEDLY CREATING SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HAWK PROGRAM.
- 4. THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE EXPEDITIOUS HANDLING OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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